

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

INFORMATION WANTED

A GENTLEMAN by the name of ROBERT GRAL, a native of Ballybay, County Monaghan, Ireland, emigrated to this country about the year 1803 or 4, son of James Gray and Elizabeth Gray, alias Corry. Any information respecting him, forwarded to JAMES GRAY, at Mr. Scott's Manufactory, No. 235 Greenwich street, New York, will be gratefully received.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

BIBLE SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the FAIRFIELD COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, held by adjournment at the house of Deacon THOMAS TUCKER, in Danbury, on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1915.

RESOLVED, That the Ministers of this County, be requested to preach one or more sermons, as they shall judge expedient, each in his own parish, for the purpose of promoting the objects of this society—and that an arrangement be made to have at least one Lecture preached in each vacant parish in the County, on a week-day or Sabbath-day, if most convenient, for the same purpose.

RESOLVED, That there be in each of the cases aforesaid, a public Contribution for the Society immediately after divine services—and which to be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society.

A true copy of the Record.

Attest:

ALLANSON HAMLIN,

Attest: That the Rev. Mr. Hoyt be requested to preach a lecture at Ridgebury; the Rev. Waterman at Trumbull; the Rev. Dr. Ely at New Stratford; the Rev. Buford at Greenwich; the Rev. Eddison at West-on; the Rev. Bartlett at Bethel; and the Rev. Noyes at Fairfield and Ridgefield. The time to be fixed and notice given whenever it shall suit the convenience of each Minister, provided it be done and the collection transmitted to the Treasurer before the annual meeting of the society on the 3rd Tuesday of September next.

ALLANSON HAMLIN, Clerk.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

SHOCKED BY LIGHTNING

Quite a number of the men employed in the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Manufactory were slightly affected by the shock of lightning which struck the barn of Father Lehan. A fine dog in the barn at the time, was severely injured, one-half of his body was paralyzed, and he was rendered helpless for the time, but is lively as ever to-day.

THE FOURTEENTH BOYS

Contrary to the general expectations the Bridgeporters belonging to this regiment did not arrive here yesterday, as the members were not to be paid off until today. They will reach our city this evening, probably in the train which arrives at about 5 o'clock.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

During the severe thunder storm of last evening a barn belonging to Father Lehan, of the Eastern District (St. Mary's Church), was struck by lightning. The accident occurred at 5 p. m. and in less than five minutes the building was one mass of flames. Those who saw the flash and heard the explosion, as the lightning struck the building, speak of it as the most terrible calamity.

A young man, Joseph Boyle, who was on the hay loft at the time, had a very narrow escape—the lightning passing so close as to give him a very severe shock. Fortunately the horse and carriage were not in the barn at the time. Mrs. Francis Pagan, living in a house almost adjoining the barn, was prostrated by the shock. The "Steamer" and "Protector" No. 2, were on hand, and though unable to save the barn, simply through want of a hydrant in the neighborhood, they deserve great praise for checking further loss of property by their untiring efforts.

The barn was completely destroyed, with its contents of hay, straw-cutting machines, etc. We understand, however, that both barn and contents were insured.

We would respectfully ask why in the most populous portions of the Eastern District, there is not to be found a single hydrant to assist our firemen in saving the property of citizens living there? It was only by an immense length of hose that connected with hydrant on Washington avenue, that an entire neighborhood was saved from destruction last night. We trust this matter will be looked to and that every street will be furnished with so necessary a means of saving property in the future.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

PETE HACKETT'S LONG CHASE

Roundsman Peter Hackett, before sunrise this morning, chased two burglars from this city to the town of Milford, where they boarded a freight train and escaped. The pursuit was accomplished under difficulties as the burglars had almost an hour's start on their pursuer. Even at that they barely eluded him, as he arrived only two minutes after the train which they had boarded had pulled out. The officer immediately communicated with the New Haven authorities by telephone, asking them to hold the men. Whether they succeeded or not is not known at this writing.

FRANK STRASBURGER HERO

About 3:30 this morning a milkman while passing along Crescent avenue, saw two men trying to force an entrance into the tailorshop kept by James Hargreaves on that thoroughfare a few doors west of East Main street. Convinced that they were burglars the milkman drove to the home of Frank Strasburger, the barber, who lives nearby, and informed Frank of what he had seen. Frank, who was awake, hastily donned his clothes and taking his revolver hastened to the scene. He arrived just in time to see the two men coming out of the place with two suits of clothes.

"Stand back or I'll put a bullet in you," were the words used by Mr. Strasburger as he leveled his revolver straight at the heads of the two men. The thieves obeyed and stepped back.

Just then a man whom Mr. Strasburger knows appeared and handing him the revolver Mr. Strasburger bade him stand guard over the men until he informed the police. After Strasburger left one of the burglars made a bold dash and was soon followed by the other. The guard who was knocked down didn't have the heart to shoot and when Strasburger got back the burglars were seen, disappearing up the track.

Roundsman Hackett was then put on the case. Although Milford is over nine miles, the plucky officer never let up in his chase until he reached the town. The two suits taken were worth about \$50.

GUESTS OF MR. LEHMANN

About 20 newspaper workers accepted the invitation of Otto Lehmann, proprietor of the Lewis Shore house, to partake yesterday afternoon of the annual shore dinner it has been his pleasant custom to give to the local press men for a number of years. There were several things that made the affair an enjoyable one. It included all the dishes that go to make a complete shore dinner, the cooking and service were perfection, and best of all speechmaking was tabooed.

Col. W. H. Stevenson was the guest of honor. Mayor Clark, Sheriff Hawley and other officials joined the party in the evening and there was a session of song and story telling.

THE ACORN'S WON

At Athletic Park yesterday afternoon, the Acorns defeated the Aces by a score of 14 to 8. The Acorns won in the last first and made five runs before being retired. The lead they thus obtained was never overcome. The Aces made but 9 hits off Dore and the Acorns 10 of the two innings. Joe Drew, the star hurler of the Aces, was unable to take his regular turn in the box owing to intense suffering from a strained ligament in his twisting arm.

AVON PARK

Attractions for Week June 10-15.

Monday—Grand balloon ascension by Jewell Brothers at 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday—Balloon ascension 7:59 p. m., followed by Japanese fireworks and music by the Wheeler & Wilson Band.

Friday—The balloon ascension by the Jewells at 6:30.

Dancing every evening.

Admission, 10 Cents.

While John Pierce, aged 16, was watching the marksmen shooting at Eagle's Nest range yesterday afternoon from a position near the targets the fragments of a bullet struck his left hand. At the Emergency several small pieces of lead were taken from his hand.

SMITH-FERRY

In the Sacred Heart chapel in the West End (now St. Peter's R. C. church) this morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father O'Brien united in matrimony with a nuptial mass, John A. Smith, youngest son of ex-alderman Smith, and Miss Emma Ferry, of Auburn, N. Y.

The bridegroom is the foreman of the Park City Granite works and an expert granite letter cutter. The wedding trip will include Auburn, Newark, Brooklyn and Philadelphia. Upon their return they will reside in the West End where the groom has fitted up an home.

Great Pressure In Water Mains Breaks Stratford Plumbing

(Special to The Farmer)

Stratford, June 12—The increased water pressure caused by linking "The Hemlock" with the mains leading into Bridgeport, has caused "The Hemlock" Plumbers here received as many as 20 calls in an hour, to repair plumbing that had given way under the strain. Several cellars are flooded and many houses are disconnected because of pools of water that are forming in their kitchens. Plumbers are unable to handle the situation because of the frequency of the calls.

The senior class of Stratford High school held its annual dance last evening in Fiack's auditorium. Many attended and the dance was a success.

Tuesday night at St. John's lodge, No. 8, A. P. & A. M., will hold a regular communication. On Sunday evening, June 20, the brothers are to attend service in Christ church. J. T. MacDuffy, W. M., desires all brothers to note the date and do honor to the occasion, St. John's day, with their attendance.

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Half Dozen Divorces Decrees Entered In the Superior Court

Six divorces were granted by Judge Shumway in Part Two of the superior court yesterday afternoon.

Margaret Teresa Duffy of this city was freed from Edward A. Duffy of parts unknown on the ground of desertion, January 2, 1907. The couple were married September 14, 1893. Mrs. Duffy's maiden name was Teresa O'Brien.

Anna Santo of Stratford was given a divorce from Frank Santo of this city. Desertion in May, 1914, was alleged. The couple were married April 24, 1914.

Albert A. Gelb of Norwalk, was separated from Susie Gelb of parts unknown. He proved desertion in March, 1908. The couple were married in 1906.

Florence M. Johnson of Norwalk, alleged habitual intemperance in the action against James A. Johnson. The couple were married November 1, 1898, by the same clergyman who had married Mrs. Johnson's grandmother and mother.

Harry C. Eaton of Danbury was granted a decree from Antoinette Eaton of Danbury on the ground of desertion in June 1910. The couple were married in April, 1899.

The court gave a decree to Hazel C. Finkle of this city who charged Louis J. Finkle with desertion. She said Finkle deserted her in February, 1911. They were married July 10, 1910.

Fireburgs' Children Taken From Baby Home, Sent To Institution

Three children, Pasquale, aged 13, Charles, aged 10, and Michael Laminato, aged 7, were taken yesterday to St. Francis' home in New Haven by Charities Investigator Alexander Morrissey. Both their parents are in jail.

Antonio Laminato, father of the children is serving a three year term for arson, and Josie, his wife, is in jail for one year on the same charge. They were sentenced in the superior court, criminal side, about a month ago.

The Laminatos lived in a house owned by William Quinn, on Grand street. Their furniture was heavily insured, it was burned. They were arrested, charged with arson and Chief Edward Mooney of the fire department appeared against them. After a hearing they were sent to jail.

The children were taken to Mrs. William Graff's baby home on South avenue. Investigation of their circumstances was made by Agent Morrissey with the result that they were committed today to the Fairfield county home and later transferred to St. Francis' home by Probate Judge Paul L. Miller. The children are very bright.

Miss Hatheway To Wed New Haven Clergyman

Miss May Hatheway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hatheway of 126 Park avenue, and Ralph Moore Timberlake, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Timberlake of Ottawa, Can., will be married at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, June 16.

It is to be a quiet wedding. The Rev. Richard L. Swain, D. D., pastor of the South Congregational church, performing the ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Hatheway, who was graduated from the National Park Seminary in 1913, is an exceedingly popular young woman in this vicinity.

Her father is president and treasurer of the Hatheway Manufacturing Co. Mr. Timberlake is religious director of Dwight Place church, New Haven, and will take his bride to reside in the City of Elms.

WILL GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The Commission Government League's headquarters in the board of trade rooms, Newfield building will be open this afternoon and evening and all day Sunday for persons wishing to learn facts concerning commission government.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS.

The steamer Naugatuck will resume its summer schedule of trips to New York commencing on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock when it will leave the Bridgeport Towing Co.'s dock at the foot of Stratford avenue bound for the metropolis with its regular crowd of Sunday excursionists. The week day trips will begin an hour earlier than the Sunday ones, starting at 8 o'clock instead of 9.

The excursion steamer Cymra which is owned by the Anning J. Smith Co., went out of the harbor yesterday after having undergone a number of needed repairs during the winter. The Cymra will run to Rockaway beach and Coney Island this season.

The Maritime Dredging Co., which has been dredging before the Bridgeport Brass Co.'s dock on the Pequonnock river has completed its work there and is now dredging before the Anning J. Smith Co.'s dock, formerly the George E. Sykes' dock, which is just above Congress street bridge on the Pequonnock river. The Smith Co. expects to establish a freight line to the dock in the near future.

The graduates are mighty busy during the last days of school, but during the delivery of the baccalaureate sermon some of them have time to plan the last touches to their gowns.

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